

**OFFICE OF THE MISSISSIPPI SECRETARY OF STATE
BUSINESS REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION**

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
STOP UNION POLITICAL ABUSE, INC.) ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING
) NUMBER: <u>C-04-0069</u>
14 Pidgeon Hill Drive)
Suite 500)
Sterling, Virginia 20165)
)
<i>Respondent</i>)

CONSENT AGREEMENT

I.

This agreement is hereby entered into between the State of Mississippi, Secretary of State's Office, Business Regulation and Enforcement Division ("Division"), by and through James O. Nelson, II, Assistant Secretary of State, and Stop Union Political Abuse, Inc. ("Respondent"), by and through its agent, Linda Chavez, President.

The Division, having the power to administer and to provide for the enforcement of all provisions of the Mississippi Charitable Solicitations Act (the "Act"), and Respondent do hereby enter into this Consent Agreement in resolution of the following allegations by the Division of violations of certain provisions of the Act:

1. Respondent was registered with the Division until July 31, 2003 as required by the Act.
2. Respondent's registration with the Division expired on July 31, 2003 since no registration was received from Respondent.
3. The Division received a registration package from Respondent on February 20, 2004, after its registration had expired.
4. Respondent failed to provide information regarding solicitation of contributions from individuals in the State of Mississippi during the period of non-registration. This information was requested from Respondent but

Respondent was not certain as to whether or not solicitation had taken place in the State of Mississippi.

5. Therefore Respondent, in violation of the Act, which requires that every charitable organization keep true and correct books and records of all solicitation activities, failed to comply with the law.
6. If Respondent was in compliance with the law, Respondent would have been able to supply information regarding solicitation activities during the period of non-registration.

II.

Respondent, under the terms of this Consent Agreement and solely for the purpose of resolving the foregoing allegations, stipulates without a hearing to the matters set forth above in Paragraph I and hereby consents to the issuance of this Consent Agreement and further consents to and agrees to the undertakings contained herein, with no formal administrative hearing and determination of wrongdoing. Furthermore, the undersigned agent for the Respondent acknowledges that she has been lawfully vested with the authority to enter into this Consent Agreement on behalf of the Respondent.

III.

THEREFORE, in consideration of a final resolution of the matters set forth above in Paragraph I, the Division and Respondent hereby agree and stipulate as follows:

1. Respondent stipulates to the jurisdiction of the Division as to all matters contained herein under the authority of the Act and acknowledges that the issuance of this Consent Agreement is solely for the purpose of resolving the matters set forth above in Paragraph I.
2. The Division shall impose a penalty upon the Respondent in the amount of \$500.00 for violating the Act. Respondent shall remit payment of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to the Division, made payable to the "Mississippi Secretary of State," within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Consent Agreement. If Respondent fails to submit payment and the signed Consent Agreement within thirty (30) days of receipt, administrative action will be taken.


3. This Consent Agreement is in resolution of the matters contained in Paragraph I. As a result of this Consent Agreement, the matters contained in Paragraph I cannot be used as a basis for action by the Division except as set forth in Paragraph IV below.

IV.

In the event Respondent fails or neglects to comply with any of the agreements, stipulations or undertakings set forth in this Consent Agreement, the Division may, without notice to the Respondent, unilaterally rescind this Agreement and institute any legal or administrative proceedings it deems appropriate including, but not limited to, proceedings to address the matters set forth in Paragraph I above.

ERIC CLARK
Secretary of State

By:



JAMES G. NELSON, II
Assistant Secretary of State

Date:

2/13/2004

STOP UNION POLITICAL ABUSE, INC.
Respondent

By:


LINDA CHAVEZ
President

Date:

04/30/04